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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

JANUARY TENTH

The above date is the last day of grace allowed the churches on the benevolences for 1927. This is ten days longer than some conferences allow, though it is generally granted. There is rarely a year but what we have to comfort the belated ones. We trust that we are giving them good warning this time.

This conference is about $3000 behind the close of business November 30 last year. It can be made up if the churches will do as well as they did in 1926. A few have done better. A few have done nothing so far. It ought to get into someone's conscience that no church can afford to neglect their remittances to missions, especially if money has been solicited for such a cause.

This shrinkage of $3000 will mean a loss to the American Board of $900 from this conference alone. It will mean a loss of $540 to the Homeland Boards and it will mean a loss of $1560 to this conference. These organizations have projected their work on the basis of former giving plus the hope that giving would increase with the growth of churches and with the increase in local expenses. Let us bridge the gap.

To meet the goal of last year, which is a low aim, we must receive about $16,000 between December 1 and January 10. That will mean about $500 an office day during that period. Naturally we will be watching for your checks. If we can help the local situation with an address or a letter or some more literature, call us up or write us. We will do our best to assist you. January 10 is the "dead line." Thirty-two thousand dollars is the amount we really need; $16,000 will save our faces by a few dollars. Is it a duty or a privilege to stir your givers to good works? Whichever you prefer, try that. Our next issue should carry the record to all our churches.

FEDERATION MEETING

The Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California met in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, November 17, with its usual large attendance. One feature of business was to arrange for the annual meeting in January, to be held in the First Church, Berkeley.

Mrs. A. P. Peck, foreign secretary, was welcomed home after an extended absence. In her report she deplored the fact that the various apportionments had not been met and consequently a deficit was facing the American Board.

The medical work in China, formerly carried on by the missionaries, is now largely in the hands of the Chinese, and being admirably conducted; even operations have been most successfully performed. In every way they are showing themselves capable and faithful. One interesting item is to the effect that delegates from many provinces have united 16 denominations into one non-sectarian church, to be known as "The Church of Christ in China." More than 1000 churches are involved in this movement.

Miss Perkins, the home secretary, reported a half scholarship given to Straight College, and at the same time introduced Mrs. Clark, a graduate of the college. Mrs. Clark gave a brief history of its founding 58 years ago in New Orleans and some of the work resulting therefrom. The graduates not only include teachers, but school principals, physicians and lawyers. Of the latter one is now assistant district attorney at Washington. The superintendent of schools in New Orleans says, "Straight College is an absolute necessity for the training of teachers. The college stands for industrial education, self-reliance, originality and ideals." Scholarships mean much to these negroes, who arrive at college without money and depending on their earnings to carry them through.

MRS. J. P. PRUTZMAN.

ANNUAL MEETING OF HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL

This meeting will be held at Cleveland, O., immediately following the midwinter conference in Chicago, January 23-24. It promises to be a meeting of unusual importance with reference to the great missionary tasks of the country, particularly the rural phases, and Dr. Malcolm Dana is in charge of such features of the work. Supt. Minchin has been asked by the local Home Missions Council to be one of their delegates, the other delegate being Rev. Philip F. Payne of the Presbyterian offices.

At the annual meeting of the local Home Missions Council, held December 6, Supt. Minchin was elected president for the third successive year. He was acting president for a year preceding these elections, due to the retirement of the president-elect by removal from the territory.

YEAR BOOK FOR 1927

We have just been advised that the blanks for information to be printed in the year book for 1927 are now on their way from New York. As soon as we get them checked with the 1926 year book, they will be in the mails to the pastors of each church. They will be in your hands by the first of the year, two copies to each church, so that you can keep one copy for your own records. Please return them to us promptly, properly filled out.

Along with these blanks there will be a slip on which the church clerk may make request for a copy of the year book for the church use. Of course, a copy goes to each pastor without request, but if the church clerk wishes a copy for his use besides, it is necessary that he make special request.

FREE BOOKS

When the American Board closed its San Francisco office, they turned over to the conference a number of copies each of the History of the American Board and of The Haystack Centennial, 1906. Most of our ministers have copies of these, but as we have quite a few left, we will be glad to ship them out to any who would like them, for the cost of the postage, which would be for four pounds. Both of these books are nicely bound. There are about 20 copies of each of these books, so those who wish them will please send in their requests promptly.

MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

The annual meeting of conference superintendents will be held in Chicago early in the week beginning January 15. It is the general gathering of the Commission on Missions and the secretaries of the national societies for survey and budget making.

WOMEN'S ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women for Northern California will be held in the First Congregational Church, Berkeley, January 10 and 11. In due time a folder covering all the detail of the two days' meeting will be issued for distribution in the various churches. Suffice it to say the first session will be at 2:30 P. M. on Tuesday, the 10th, with dinner following. In the evening will be given the splendid pageant prepared by Mrs. E. Howard May of North Berkeley Church. The following day the first session will begin at 10:15 A. M., with luncheon at noon. Strong programs are in course of preparation for each session, and a large attendance is anticipated.

YEAR BOOK OF MISSIONS

The Year Book of Missions for 1928 is off the press, and the price is 25 cents a copy. The conference office has an abundant supply. Students and friends of the missionary cause use this more than any other publication. It contains the prayer calendar for the year, which also gives the pictures of a few of the missionaries; it gives a short history of each field where there is an American Board Mission, besides a directory of missionaries, with instructions for addressing mail to them.

Send in your order early.

ENTER THE ANNUITY

This article is primarily for ministers. It should interest church officials as well. We have 20 ministers enrolled in the conference who have been ordained since 1912. Eight only have entered this Annuity Fund; 12 have let several good years go by that might have shown an accruing insurance against the day of disability or retirement. Forty per cent of our younger ministers have signed up, 60 per cent should give this early and serious attention.

One answer is that the local church has been slow to accept its share of the payments and salaries have hardly been adequate to the strain of the full amount of the payments in the earlier years. It is in the interest of the churches that the ministers secure their futures. This office will be delighted to help churches and ministers get together in this important bit of co-operative effort.

THE ANNUITY FUND FOR CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS

If your church is sharing, or has voted to share the pastor's dues, please see that we receive official notice at once, that we may add its name to the honor roll, if it is not already listed.

If the share paid by the church is more than one-half of the dues, this should be noted.

If your church is not sharing in the pastor's dues, we should be glad to bring the matter to the attention of the chairman of the Board of Trustees or any one else whose name and address may be transmitted to us for that purpose. CHARLES S. MILLS,
General Secretary.

HYMN SLIDES
Northern California

Catalogs of stereopticon slides put out by both the home and foreign boards were recently mailed to all the pastors in this Conference. Those which are in this office were listed last month. We tried to get a complete set of hymn slides from the east, but have not yet succeeded. For your information we are listing below the hymn slides which are in San Francisco.

A. Oh! God Beneath Thy Guiding Hand.
1. Abide With Me.
2. All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.
3. Blest Be the Tie That Binds.
4. Christ for the World We Sing.
5. Come, Thou Almighty King.
6. Faith of Our Fathers Living Still.
7. Fling Out the Banner, Let It Float.
8. From Greenland's Icy Mountains.
9. Go Labor On, Spend and Be Spent.
10. God Loved the World of Sinners Lost.
11. Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning.
12. Hark! the Voice of Jesus Calling.
13. Hasten Lord the Glorious Time.
14. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty.
15. How Firm a Foundation.
16. I am Thine, O Lord.
17. I Gave My Life for Thee.
18. I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord.
19. I Love to Tell the Story.
20. I Need Thee Every Hour.
21. In the Cross of Christ I Glory.
22. Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken.
24. Love Divine, All Love Excelling.
25. More Love to Thee, O Christ.
26. My Life, My Love, I Give to Thee.
27. Oh, Jesus, I Have Promised!
28. O, Worship the King, All Glorious Above.
29. Oh! Where Are the Reapers?
30. Onward, Christian Soldiers.
31. Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow.
32. Rescue the Perishing.
34. Shout the Tidings of Salvation.
35. Sing Them Over Again to Me.
36. Soldiers of Christ, Arise!
37. Soon May the Last Glad Song Arise.
38. Sound the Battle Cry, See the Foe Is Nigh.
39. Speed Away.
40. Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus.
41. The Church's One Foundation.
42. The Morning Lights Are Breaking.
43. The Son of God Goes Forth to War.
44. Watchman, Tell Me, Does the Morning?
45. Watchman, Tell Us of the Night.
46. We May Not Climb.
47. Who Is on the Lord's Side?
48. Work for the Night Is Coming.
49. Ye Christian Heralds Go, Proclaim.

Illustrated Hymn Slides

	Slides
From Greenland's Icy Mountains	20
My Country 'Tis of Thee	23
America the Beautiful	16
Faith of Our Fathers	8

This set is not colored.

THE SUPERINTENDENT AFIELD

During November the superintendent has preached at Cotati, Auburn, Oroville and a Sunday at St. Helena Sanitarium. He had most delightful visits at all the places, including the last. While it rained every week-end, the interest at the churches was most refreshing. He starts December with a trip to Humboldt county, preaching at Eureka on the 4th. Three of these churches have been blessed with long pastorates. Mr. Ogg has been at Eureka 14 years, Mr. Shaeffer at Auburn 12 years, and Mr. Johnson at Oroville 11 years.

The minister with the longest service in this conference is Dr. T. T. Giffen, who was ordained in 1912 and called to Fresno in 1912, giving him a service of 15 years. Others with long terms of service are Papazian, 13 years, Naylor and St. John each 11 years. So readeth the yearbook.

Most interesting to the office and its constituency is the fact that Woodside and Niles come to self-support January 1, and Calvary Armenian in San Francisco will reduce the amount of aid by $200 with the beginning of the year.

After repeated visits to Fresno during the past few months, we see the situation in the German-speaking churches clearing somewhat, though it will not be solved until there is provision for English-speaking services and English textbooks in the church schools. The work being done by our Japanese church in Fresno is worthy of a complete article. Mr. Fukushima is a diligent worker, a student and an excellent organizer and field worker. We hope to help him and his people get a substantial addition to their plant at a very early date. The A. M. A. plans to deed the property to the conference under the merger arrangements. This means an obligation on our part to give the work exceptional leadership in the way of equipment and advance.

The work at Los Gatos, under the leadership of Mr. G. A. Pollard of the seminary, is very encouraging. The Palo Alto church did a most generous thing in assuming the rent of a home for Mr. Pollard.

CHANGES IN LEADERSHIP

Rev. William E. Eckles resigns as assistant superintendent of the conference, effective December 15. We will miss his genial presence about the office. He had served a period of 15 months.

Rev. Fred W. Hagan, by a large and unanimous vote, was called to the pastorate of Plymouth Church, Oakland, early in November, and began his work at once.

Rev. William Rader completes his year of service at Richmond Church, San Francisco, with the calendar year and decides to retire from its active work.

Rev. Harvey V. Miller resigns from Alameda to accept a call to Martinez, effective January 1.

Rev. Richard C. Day resigns at Loomis and closes his service at the end of the year. He has served this church about six years.

Miss Rheba Crawford, who has been serving the Fruitvale Church most acceptably for five months, leaves the work on the first of January, that she may meet a number of engagements for special evangelistic missions. At intervals she will gladly serve our churches as a stated supply during the interim between pastorates.

Rev. Reed B. Cherington is now in charge of the new work at San Carlos. Mr. Preston carried it for a few weeks in its preliminary stages, giving it first aid. We will be looking for some article from Mr. Cherington soon, telling of the organization of a church and the character of the work to be done.

Dr. Obed Johnson is supplying at Hayward, while it is looking for a permanent pastor.

Mission Park was supplied by Mr. Eckles for two weeks and is now being supplied by Rev. Stanley Morrison, recently of New Zealand, but formerly in Massachusetts and Australia.

Rev. J. E. Enman has received a unanimous call to Sonoma and is at work.

Rev. C. H. Hudson is supplying at Eureka for a few weeks in December. He was a teacher in the Kodaikanal School near Madura, India.

We learn that Rev. W. A. Tate is now the interim pastor in Fellowship Church, Chicago.

Ferndale is being supplied temporarily by Rev. Frank E. Boren of Hydesville.

CALIFORNIA CONGRESS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are in receipt of the provisional program of the Third Annual Congress of Religious Education, and desire to give it as much advance publicity as possible.

The place of meeting will be First Church, San Francisco. The dates will be Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, or January 29, 30 and 31. The general line of topics for consideration will be:

The Unique Contribution of Religion to the Development of Our National Character.

Curriculum, or some phases of the subject.

The Home and Religious Progress.

The Church and Industrial Democracy.

Psychological Advance and Religious Thought.

The Religious Man and His Loyalties.

The Press and Religious Ideas.

A Restatement of Faith for and by Youth.

There will be discussions on many related themes, as well as ample time to discuss the above.

While the speakers are not all secured, it is hoped to have such leaders as Dr. Swartz, Bishop Parsons, Dr. Tully C. Knoles, Prof. Rugh, Chester Rowell, Dr. George A. Coe, Dr. Lynn White, Supt. Wm. John Cooper, Father Ramm, Prof. Evans, Lawrence Cross and others. After acceptances have all been received or substitutes made, the programs will go forth and the Northern California Congregational Conference will lend its full support to the promotion of this important gathering.

PITTSBURG—On November 13 Rev. C. C. Champlin celebrated the 20th anniversary of his ordination. He was at that time "Kid Preacher" of the Pittsburg church, going out from Berkeley week-ends. The local church called an eccelesiastical council of the Upper Bay Association and some individuals who effected the ordination.

On November 6—Armistice Sunday—the American Legion and Spanish War Veterans attended this church, bringing their flags and standards. The Christian Science Church also attended, on invitation, that evening.

On Armistice day there were elaborate ceremonies at Pittsburg, followed by a luncheon, which taxed the largest seating capacity of the city, and included the Legion, Spanish War Veterans, the Rotarians, the Lions, the Red Cross and the Chamber of Commerce. The enterprising commander of the Legion had the Congregational pastor to ask the invocation, which was followed by an impassioned address by Father Cline of San Francisco, past state grand chaplain of the American Legion.

The work at Pittsburg goes forward steadily, not in any pyrotechnical manner, and both the pastor and the church seem to have a real hold upon the heart of the community.

MRS. RANNEY TO CHICAGO

Word has been received from Boston that on January first Mrs. Helen Street Ranney will become the woman director in the midwest regional office. This is the position she was offered at the time of the closing of the W. B. M. P. office in San Francisco. We wish her abundant success in this new position.

CALAVERAS COUNTY

Mr. Cookman writes, under date of December 6, that he has traveled 2300 miles since taking charge of this field in September. He has been asked to take the work at Murphy, where he is having larger audiences than at Angel's Camp. He is giving Vallecito one night a week, and writes that the church there is in good condition. Incidentally he mentions that his car expense was $40.79 for the month of November. This is an outstanding missionary task that has confronted us for years and is now being met by a true missionary, who deserves our most generous support.

OUR NATIONAL APPEAL

Will the Congregational churches with their increasing membership support their missionary work as well and a little better in 1927 than in previous years?

Rev. Charles C. Merrill, D.D., secretary of the Commission on Missions, says that even on the basis of receipts to November 1, it is impossible to make a prediction for the year because so many churches under the new arrangement of the merger have not yet acquired the habit of sending their remittances regularly and promptly each month or quarter to their state conference office.

"With substantially five-sixths of the year gone by November first," Dr. Merrill states, "less than one-half of the contributions have come in, assuming that the total for 1927 will approximate that for 1926.

"These receipts to date give a startling illustration of the slowness with which remittances are being made. In the remaining one-sixth of the year over one-half of the expected contributions for the year must be remitted. This will be a considerable task but it can be done. Let every church member constitute himself a committee of one to make sure that in his own church plans are underway for remitting to his state conference office on or before January 10 (when the apportionment year closes) an amount which will at least equal what was sent in last year."

The total missionary contributions received by the boards and conferences for the year to November 1, are $1,509,780; this is $80.369 less than had been received by November 1 last year. Irregularity in remitting this year as compared with 1926 is marked.

The $1,509,780 received to November first, comprised $688.989 for the American Board, a loss of $93,846 as compared with 1926; $497.363 for the Home Boards, a loss of $23,221; $323,438 for the state conference, a gain of $36,698.

BETHANY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Extension Society has transferred title of this property to the Bethany Rawson Congregational Church, which plans to erect a parsonage on the lot adjoining the church in the near future. Rev. T. L. Dyer, pastor.

LODI

The church at Lodi, of which Rev. C. H. Stevens is pastor, reports an increase in membership of eight on the first Sunday in November.

The Woman's Association here has just put on a one-day bazaar, from which they realized $250.

BENEVOLENCES

January 1-November 30, 1927

Adin	$ 68.27
Alturas	80.00
Antioch	36.00
Benicia	37.50
Berkeley Bethany	3.92
Berkeley First	6,891.74
Berkeley North	1,786.60
Berkeley Park	133.53
Campbell	200.00
Ceres	510.00
Cloverdale	265.00
Cotati	91.37
Crockett	139.56
Etna Mills	11.58
Eureka	181.10
Ferndale	121.50
Fresno First	761.17
Fresno Japanese	20.00
Glen Ellen	25.00
Grass Valley	183.28
Hayward	50.00
Kenwood	18.00
Lockeford	44.35
Lodi First	1,125.00
Martinez	273.61
Murphys	30.00
Niles	24.15
Oakland Calvary	80.00
Oakland First	6,430.42
Oakland Fruit.	28.50
Oakland Olivet	165.00
Oakland Pilgrim	165.00
Oakland Plymouth	980.35
Oleander	6.70
Oroville	6.13
Pacific Grove	331.84
Palermo	20.00
Palo Alto	1,650.00
Paradise	125.00
Parlier	10.00
Petaluma	1,032.65
Pittsburg	119.02
Porterville	90.00
Redwood City	600.00
Reno, Nev.	431.56
Ripon	15.00
Sacramento	432.60
Salida	27.00
San Francisco Bethany	155.00
San Francisco Chinese	5.00
San Francisco First	2,400.00
San Francisco Richmond	97.36
San Jose	1,085.23
San Leandro	100.84
San Mateo	523.65
San Rafael	7.00
Santa Cruz	1,103.44
Santa Rosa First	332.62
Saratoga	820.05
Sebastopol	48.00
Sonoma	138.58
Stockton	1,656.00
Suisun	60.00
Sunnyvale	75.00
Tipton	17.81
Tulare	180.00
Woodside	150.00
Miscellaneous	2,241.44
	$37,056.02

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

THE NEW UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IN LOS ANGELES

Many conferences and meetings have been held with the representatives of the Catholic, Jewish and Protestant officials, under the leadership of Dr. O. D. Foster, secretary of the American Association on Religion, New York. There has been, and is, a real desire to establish in connection with the new university, a "Hall of Religion," which will represent the co-operating ecclesiastical organizations in their religious educational program. Herewith follows a copy of resolutions adopted by these representatives:

Los Angeles, Oct. 19, 1927.

Whereas, we, as representatives of the Catholics, Jews and Protestants, are deeply conscious of the grave responsibility resting upon the bodies we respectively represent, for the moral and religious life of the students who will, in all the years to come, attend the university to be built at Westwood; and,

Whereas, we find a growing realization of the imperative need of some definite steps being taken that will supplement state education by instruction and influence of recognized character building agencies; and,

Whereas, we believe we can make a contribution toward solving the grave problem facing our nation in its inability, under the present system of higher education, to produce the best type of character and citizenship without the aid of religion and co-operation with its organized agencies; and,

Whereas, we have, as never before, encouragement from responsible national leaders among Catholics, Jews, Protestants and the Association of University Presidents for the advancement of our common interests in state universities; therefore be it

Resolved, that we unitedly, in our individual and official capacities, urge upon all those having to do with the formulation of policies and programs for the new university at Westwood, their most serious and favorable consideration of the proposals made by the University Religious Council; and be it

Resolved, that we as representatives of the University Religious Council and of our great religious groups do pledge our hearty co-operation with each other in the promotion of the program agreed upon by the council in co-operation with the university for the interests named as well as pledge ourselves to seek at all times to safeguard the principle of separation of church and state; and be it further

Resolved, that we respectfully urge the university authorities to take such steps as they can to meet these proposals, fully recognizing that in building for the centuries to come we cannot accomplish today what we may advisedly plan and hope to realize in the future.

(Signed) JOHN J. CANTWELL, Catholic—Bishop of Los Angeles and San Diego.

(Signed) EDGAR F. MAGNIN, Jewish—Rabbi B'nai B'rith Congregation.

(Signed) EDWIN P. RYLAND, Protestant — Secretary Church Federation of Los Angeles and of the University Religious Council.

There were some who hoped that there might be one united church of Christ, representing the various denominations, set near the university, to serve the faculty and student body. That dream cannot now be consummated, because the Methodists have bought a lot at the corner of Wilshire boulevard and Warner avenue, the Episcopalians have bought a site near the entrance to the university, and the Presbyterians have recently secured a location at the corner of Wilshire boulevard and Malcolm avenue. These three Protestant churches would seem to be enough for the present to serve the university, which does not open for some time to come.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. Every Member Canvass, December 4, 1927. Most of the churches in the conference will begin their canvass December 4. Difficulty lies in "seeing it through." It is important to get the last 25 per cent of the church membership. The canvass should include, not alone pledges for current expenses, but also for the apportionment for 1928. Samples of information and pledge cards, together with various leaflets relating to the canvass, have been mailed you. If you want more, order promptly. The materials are furnished free to the limit of our stock.

2. Apportionment for 1927. Remittances, to count on the 1927 apportionment, should be in the hands of the treasurer, Mr. Fred M. Wilcox, not later than Tuesday, January 3, 1928. Letters postmarked that day, containing remittances, will be credited for 1927. Settlements must be made with the National Extension and Foreign Missionary Boards on or before January 10, in New York and Boston. Therefore, checks from the conference treasurer must go forth from this office not later than Thursday, January 5, to be credited on the conference apportionment for 1927.

Because many of the churches have withheld their gifts on the apportionment, the conference itself has faced, for several months, an overdraft. The National Home Extension Boards and the American Board have suffered in common with the conference, because the remittances have not been forwarded promptly every month. The statement will be furnished you, on request, of the amount of your apportionment for 1927, and receipts thereon to date.

3. Apportionment for 1928. At the last annual meeting of the conference at Redlands, May 10, 1927, it was voted to adopt the recommendation of the conference directors that the apportionment for 1928 should be $150,000, with the percentages divided as follows: Conference work, 50 per cent; National, 20 per cent; International, 30 per cent. And the conference directors were authorized to make apportionment for churches which do not report to the conference office as of April 1, 1928.

For several years the conference has voted to adopt a standard rate of 20 cents a week per capita, on the basis of the total membership, or about $10 per year per capita. Our conference numbers 120 churches, with about 27,000 members, including about 2200 absentees, or a resident membership of about 25,000. Several of our churches have paid at the standard rate recommended by the conference. In order to reach this for the entire conference, some of the larger and stronger churches will need to do more. The average per capita gifts in our conference for 1927 were as follows: (1) Home expenses, $30, or 60 cents a week; (2) apportionment, about $6, or 12 cents a week per capita. In addition, the per capita gifts for new buildings have been about $100.

However much our churches may differ in belief and practice, they should realize the great opportunities which confront us, not only in Southern California, but throughout the wide world today, for the preaching and the practice of the Gospel of Jesus. Will you please report at the earliest possible moment the apportionment adopted by your church for 1928? Ours was the first conference in our denomination to put responsibility for the adoption of the apportionment directly upon the churches, without any stipulated sum being imposed upon them from a committee, which, however carefully selected, would have insufficient knowledge and incomplete judgment regarding the ability of the local church to give to the apportionment.

4. New Books. The Congregational Book Room has about $5000 worth of books in stock, in fields of Theology, Philosophy, Psychology, Religious Education, Sunday school and church supplies. Orders are taken for magazines and books not in stock. Please order your Christmas supplies early and do your book shopping here. If at any time your orders are not filled promptly and satisfactorily, please let me know, for we desire to serve you to the utmost.

15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT

The directors of the Conference and Extension Society gave a dinner and reception in honor of Dr. and Mrs. George F. Kenngott on Thursday, November 3, at 6:30 P. M., at the Vista del Arroyo Hotel, Pasadena. This reception was in recognition of 15 years of devoted service given by Dr. Kenngott as superintendent of these societies. The moderator of the conference, Rev. John Gardner, pastor of the Riverside Church, introduced Rev. Daniel F. Fox as the toastmaster of the evening. Addresses were made by Mrs. E. D. Gaylord, Mr. Blake Franklin, president of the Los Angeles Extension Society, Rev. S. A. Norton of Claremont, and Rev. Lloyd C. Douglas, pastor of the First Congregational Church, Los Angeles. Music was furnished by Mrs. Ada Lewis, who sang several solos, with Mrs. Charles A. Wolfe as pianist. Dr. Kenngott responded in appreciation.

FORWARD MOVEMENT

The conference, at its annual meeting in Redlands, May 10, voted "to instruct the directors to endeavor to raise $20,000 per year as an extra, over and above the apportionment, for the next five years for new work in the conference, as recommended by the conference superintendent, and to educate the constituency in giving." Mrs. G. H. Schulte of Glendale is the efficient chairman of the committee and presented the matter to the four local associations. The active campaign for raising funds will begin the last of January.

WEST COAST OF MEXICO

The conference appointed the following persons as commissioners to visit the schools and missions of the American Board on the west coast of Mexico: Mr. Fred M. Wilcox, chairman; Mrs. E. B. Allen, president of the Southern California Women's Missionary Society, and Rev. Luther Freeman, vice-president and assistant moderator and pastor of the Pomona Congregational Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Allen and Dr. Luther Freeman left Los Angeles on Sunday afternoon, November 6, and returned December 1. They visited the schools, one at Hermosillo, one at Mazatlan and two at Guadalajara, and had conferences with representatives of some of the 19 Mexican churches. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox and Dr. Freeman also visited Mexico City. They have returned with interesting and exciting stories, the results of which will appear later.

With mutual understandings, the conference takes over responsibility from the American Board for this west coast of Mexico work, exclusive of the Union Theological Seminary at Mexico City, January 1, 1928. Fuller reports will be given later.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The four local associations crowded their meetings into a period of ten days, in order to have with them Rev. Brewer Eddy and Mrs. W. W. Ranney, representing the American Board, and Rev. Malcolm G. Dana, secretary of the Home Extension Board for Rural and Village Work.

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION met in the Neighborhood Church, Pasadena, Tuesday, October 18, Rev. Bradford Leavitt, pastor, with addresses by these representatives and others. Rev. A. D. Stauffacher, moderator, presided. After organization of business, Rev. James H. Lash, pastor of the Hollywood Congregational Church, Los Angeles, gave an address on "Churchmanship," followed by addresses on "Problems in Local Churchmanship"—"In Preaching," by Thomas H. Harper; "In Pastoral Service," by Ernest E. Lightner; "In Young People's Work," by Mrs. E. D. Gaylord; "In the Church School," by G. W. McCreery; "Outside Calls," by Kenneth S. Beam. The conference superintendent gave a survey of the field.

Luncheon was served in the Neighborhood Church, with reports from delegates to the National Council and from the "Committee of Seven," with Rev. Frank Dyer, chairman. In the evening President Robert A. Millikan gave an address on "A Layman's View of Church Unity."

The meetings for the three sessions were unusually well attended. Rev. Paul A. Davies, pastor of the church at Santa Barbara, was elected moderator for the ensuing year and Rev. A. P. Davis, registrar.

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATION met with the Yucaipa Church October 19, Rev. Eugene B. Smith, pastor. Rev. J. H. Olmstead of Perris led in the devotions. Addresses were given as follows: "Why Are We Here?" by Dr. Kenngott; "The Relation of the Large Church to the Small Church," by Dr. H. F. Swartz, Pacific School of Religion; "Across Continents and Seas," by Mrs. Helen Street Ranney; "The Fall Church Program of Evangelism," by Dr. Gardner, conference moderator. And in the evening, "Denominationalism as Seen Through Japanese Eyes," by Rev. Paul Tamura, Riverside; "The Rural Churches of America," by Dr. Malcolm Dana; "International Churchmanship," by Rev. Brewer Eddy.

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION met in the Logan Heights Church Friday, October 21, Rev. J. F. Sanders, pastor. In addition to the addresses by the visiting team, addresses were given by the extension secretary, Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse, and the conference superintendent, and at 2 P. M. a woman's hour was held, with the consideration of the subject, "An Expanding Enterprise."

KERN ASSOCIATION met with the Shafter Church, Rev. E. A. Waldo, pastor, October 25 and 26. In addition to the addresses, a trip was made to the U. S. Government experimental farm on Tuesday afternoon. One of the most profitable meetings was the discussion on Wednesday morning of the rural church leadership, with Rev. Malcolm Dana presiding.

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HIGHLAND

An Ecclesiastical Council called for the recognition of Rev. Harold V. Hartshorn, as pastor, met in the Highland Congregational Church Wednesday, November 2, at 4 P. M. Rev. John Gardner was elected moderator and Rev. Eugene B. Smith, scribe.

The following churches were invited to the council: Bloomington, Corona, Etiwanda, Hemet-San Jacinto, Ontario, Perris, Redlands, Rialto, Riverside, San Bernardino and Yucaipa. The council approved the action of the church with reference to the calling of a council and unanimously approved the statement by Rev. Harold V. Hartshorn concerning his religious experience, training for the ministry and theological positions. Dinner was served at 6 o'clock for the delegates and others.

At the evening service Rev. C. N. Hand preached the sermon, Rev. John Gardner gave the charge to the church, Rev. Stephen A. Norton the charge to the pastor and Rev. George F. Kenngott the right hand of fellowship. The large choir furnished the music and the pastor pronounced the benediction.

The pastorate of Mr. Hartshorn's begins very auspiciously, with large attendance and much enthusiasm.

BARSTOW CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH will begin the erection of its new house of worship, costing $16,000, in the near future, on a fine site near the center of the city, the title of which is vested in the Southern California Congregational Conference. The funds for the cost of the building will be raised as follows: $4000 from Barstow, $4000 from the conference, $4000 at least from the First Congregational Church at Long Beach, Rev. H. K. Booth, pastor, which makes this church its "project" for conference work, and $4000 from the Congregational Church Building Society (half grant and half loan).

This church and the pastor, Rev. Isaac McRae, serve the whole community, composed largely of persons connected with the railroads. The whole town has moved about a mile up from the railroad. The congregation has been meeting for a long time in the schoolhouse, and a new building is very much needed.

TEHACHAPI CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—At a recent dinner attended by about 150 people, some from Mojave and Monolith, $2500 was pledged for the much needed house of worship, and other funds will be raised. The Sunday school and church have been meeting for some time in the parsonage. They look forward with great delight to the proposed new church building on the well located site on the main street, owned by the church. Rev. John T. Munton, pastor, serves the community at Tehachapi, the Mojave Methodist Church and the community at Monolith.

NORTH WILSHIRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—While the church has disbanded, the Sunday school continues under the efficient direction of Rev. Ray Eckerson as director of religious education, with an attendance of about 200. The church property, title for which is now vested in the Los Angeles Extension Society, is well located at the corner of Rossmore and Clinton streets.

PALOS VERDES—Miss Alice Lindsley, graduate of Pacific School of Religion, has charge of the Sunday school, which meets in the schoolhouse.

WESTERN KNOLL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, LOS ANGELES—Is now erecting a parsonage on South Gramercy place and West Seventieth street, near the new church building, which is now on South Gramercy and West Seventy-first streets. Rev. Frank C. Reid, pastor.

ARMENIAN CILICIA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN PASADENA

An Ecclesiastical Council, called jointly by the church and the committee of the Los Angeles Association, was held in the First Congregational Church, Pasadena, Thursday afternoon and evening, November 10. Rev. Daniel F. Fox, pastor of the First Congregational Church, Pasadena, was elected moderator and Rev. Arthur O. Pritchard of Sierra Madre, scribe.

The following churches were represented: La Canada, Armenian Gethsemene of Los Angeles, Masis of Los Angeles, Church of the Messiah of Los Angeles, First Church of Pasadena, Lake Avenue Church of Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Oneonta Park.

The following individuals were present as members of the council: Rev. Paul A. Davies, Rev. George F. Kenngott, Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse, Rev. S. Deverian, Rev. H. Khazayan, Mr. B. K. Stone, Mr. M. S. Salisian, Mr. J. S. Pashgian.

The clerk of the church, Mr. Moses Danielian, read the minutes of the church regarding its organization, the declaration of faith, the conditions of membership, and the present state of the church. Questions regarding the organization were answered by the pastor, Rev. S. M. Rejebian, by the clerk, Mr. Moses Danielian, and the treasurer, Mr. S. Mardirian. The conference superintendent explained the history of the church in its relation to the association and the conference. The council voted to recognize the church as a duly organized Congregational Church, and recommended that it be received into the fellowship of the Los Angeles Association at its next meeting.

A dinner for the delegates and others was provided by the ladies of the new church and the public service of worship was held in the chapel at 7:30 P. M., with music furnished by the choir of the church. A sermon in the Turkish language by Rev. H. Khazayan; charge to the pastor by Rev. George F. Kenngott; charge to the church by Rev. S. Deverian; right hand of fellowship by the moderator; benediction was pronounced by the pastor.

This church serves several hundred Armenian people in Pasadena, largely adults, who have been brought up in the Turkish language and do not understand either Armenian or English readily. There is a similar church in Los Angeles, known as the Masis Congregational Church, of which Rev. H. H. Ashjian is the pastor, in which the services also are conducted in the Turkish language. The Armenian Gethsemene Church in Los Angeles, organized in 1908, of which Rev. Aram S. Yeretzian has been the pastor since 1910, is for Armenians who understand that language. It has a membership of about 200.

WESTWOOD HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH will lay the cornerstone of its fine new house of worship on Sunday afternoon, January 8. This church, organized about three years ago, with Rev. G. W. Ray as pastor, has been holding its services in store buildings on Santa Monica boulevard. Now it is erecting a house of worship on its fine site consisting of two lots at the corner of Westwood avenue and La Grange, about a mile from the new university. The first unit will cost about $30,000, of which Mr. Roland S. Tuttle is the architect. The church was offered $25,000 for the lot, which cost $11,000. This church serves a large and growing residential community and promises well for the future.

OLIVET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH laid the cornerstone of its new building at the corner of Washington and Magnolia streets with appropriate services on Sunday afternoon, November 20. The first unit will cost about $25,000. The present Sunday school building, in the rear, will become an integral part of the new structure. This church serves a large community with a dense population. The dedication will be held in a few months.

BLOOMINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—This church, of which Dr. E. B. Service is the pastor, has completed a new addition to its building, consisting of five separate classrooms, to take care of the large Sunday school, a dining room and modern kitchen. The auditorium has been enlarged, redecorated and varnished. Eighteen new members have been received within the last few months.

THE CHURCH WITH THE LIGHTED WINDOW, LA CANADA—"The window bears a beautiful picture of the Wanderer of Galilee, His tender hands knocking at a closed door. A lighted window that shines out upon the lonely night. And the Wanderer at the crossroads looking down to greet you. If you have lost your way it will comfort you when you see the Wanderer there, looking down to greet you. If it be that you have lost your way it will comfort you when you see the Wanderer there, looking down at you in the night. The Wanderer who guides safely home all who have lost the way. The Light of the World shining patiently and tirelessly through the long night."—John Steven McGroarty.

The church and the pastor, Rev. Kenneth S. Beam, serve the whole community and the church budget was included in the budget of the Community Chest.

DEDICATION OF CHINESE MISSION

The dedication service of the San Diego Chinese Mission at 645 First street occurred on Tuesday evening, November 22. Rev. Lawrence Wilson, pastor of the Mission Hills Congregational Church, San Diego, conducted the period of worship and devotion, and the Mission Hills Congregational Church choir furnished the music.

The pastor, Rev. C. C. Hung, gave an address in English and Chinese on the Chinese mission and its program of future work. Addresses in Chinese were made by Messrs. Quon Chaok and Y. C. Gee. The conference superintendent, George F. Kenngott, and the extension secretary, Paul B. Waterhouse, gave addresses of greeting and appreciation. Mrs. Margaret Fanton, who has been connected with the mission for many years, gave a report of the dormitory and rooms. Rev. J. F. Sanders, pastor of the Logan Heights Congregational Church, read the scripture lesson; Rev. C. C. Hung led the "Dedication Ritual," assisted by the choir, and Dr. Roy Campbell, pastor of the First Congregational Church, San Diego, offered the prayer of dedication. Rev. William Forshaw, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church, San Diego, pronounced the benediction.

The building, well located on the site of the old Mission House, will cost about $15,000, exclusive of furnishings. Friends of Captain Smith, long interested in the mission, furnished the auditorium in a very attractive manner. Twelve of the 16 rooms in the dormitory were furnished by various organizations and individuals, one in memory of Mr. W. H. Porterfield, who had contributed time and money to the mission. Appreciation was expressed for the faithful and efficient service of Mrs. Margaret Fanton, of Mrs. Waldo (for 10 years superintendent), to Messrs. G. W. Marston, M. T. Gilmore and Miss Helen Scripps for contributions.

Toward the cost of the building the Chinese themselves, mostly young men, contributed $2500. Five thousand dollars is expected from the building society (half grant and half loan). The rest of the money was raised by friends in and about San Diego, largely through the efficient leadership of Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse, the extension secretary, who gives the major portion of his time to the three Chinese and six Japanese churches and missions, and by Mrs. M. Fanton without whose long and faithful service the mission building would hardly have been erected.

LA JOLLA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The La Jolla Church has had an exceptionally busy season since the vacation period. The La Jolla Men's Club, which is unique as an organization because of the men who attend it from all parts of the country from month to month, and because it has met once a month continuously for over five years with increasing interest, held "Big Brothers' Night" recently. One hundred and thirty-eight men and boys were present and others wishing to come were unable to secure tickets.

After having motion picture services on Sunday nights continuously for nearly five years, they had to be discontinued in July, but in spite of this, the attendance has been steadily maintained. The programs have varied considerably. On two Sunday evenings Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst of New York City preached to packed houses. Two more Sunday nights the young people of the church, with a Junior choir, furnished practically the whole program. A book sermon has been given by the minister and an address on the American Indian by Dr. Kenngott.

On the first Sunday in November a candle-light communion service was held with surprising results. People representing many communions were present. It was found that a communion service at 7:30 on a Sunday evening, with reception of members, was a most rewarding service.

On November 8 some members and friends of the church called on the minister and his family in their new home, which they have just built, and presented each member of the family, the minister, his wife and daughter, with a chair each.

PALMS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH has called to the pastorate Rev. E. T. MacMahon, formerly pastor of the North Wilshire Congregational Church. He has accepted and is at work. The Palms Church has an excellent location and a rapidly growing community, which has recently been annexed to Los Angeles.